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VIA E-MAIL

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
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U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20004

The Honorable Arlen Specter
U.S. Senate
711 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Sara M. Taylor

Dear Sirs:

I write to you as counsel for Sara Taylor. Ms. Taylor has received a subpoena from the Senate Judiciary Committee directing her to appear and give testimony on July 11, 2007. Ms. Taylor expects to receive a letter from Mr. Fielding on behalf of the President directing her not to comply with the Senate's subpoena. These contrary directions undoubtedly create a monumental clash between the executive and legislative branches of government. This clash may ultimately be resolved by the judicial branch.

Until six weeks ago, Ms. Taylor was Director of the Office of Political Affairs in the White House. She began working on the Bush Presidential Campaign in 1999, at age 24. After the President's election, she accepted a position at the White House. She is now 32 years old, having worked most of her adult life for President Bush. She is unquestionably loyal and committed to the President and his agenda. At the same time,

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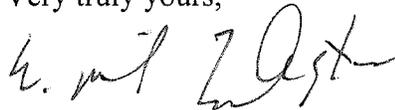
she recognizes the burden on any citizen to respect the Senate's processes and to be responsive to its subpoenas.

Absent the direction from the White House, Ms. Taylor would testify without hesitation before the Senate Judiciary Committee. She has participated in no wrongdoing. She will assert no personal privileges.

In our view, it is unfair to Ms. Taylor that this constitutional struggle might be played out with her as the object of an unseemly tug of war. She faces two untenable choices. She can follow the President's direction and face the possibility of a contempt sanction by the Senate, with enforcement through the criminal courts, an action that regardless of outcome, will follow her for life. Or, she can attempt to work out an accommodation with the Senate, which will put her at odds with the President, a person whom she admires and for whom she has worked tirelessly for years.

If the executive and legislative branches of government are unable to reach agreement, we urge the Senate not to use Ms. Taylor as the focus of the constitutional struggle. We recognize that there are larger issues at stake here. Nevertheless, the White House, not Ms. Taylor, controls the assertion of the executive privilege. If there is to be a clash, we urge the Senate to direct its sanction against the White House, not against a former staffer. If a court is to resolve this dispute, Ms. Taylor commits to abide by whatever decision the courts may reach on the application of the executive privilege in this matter.

Very truly yours,



W. Neil Eggleston